CHAPTER NO. 305

SENATE BILL NO. 322

By McNally, Trail, Burks, Atchley, Crowe

Substituted for: House Bill No. 981

By Kent, McMillan, Pinion, Bittle, Maddox, Hood, Rhinehart, Baird, Todd, Ralph Cole

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 35, relative to cash withdrawals for members of an optional retirement program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 35, is amended by adding the following language as new Section 8-35-411:

Section 8-35-411. Upon retiring or otherwise terminating employment, an employee participating in an optional retirement program may elect to receive a cash withdrawal of up to fifty percent (50%) of such employee's accumulated account(s) if permitted by the relevant optional retirement company, and if the employee applies for and begins receiving a lifetime distribution of the remaining portion of such employee's accumulated account(s). Any employee who receives a cash withdrawal pursuant to this section shall not be entitled to reestablish the withdrawn amount or any period of service for which the amount represents in either the optional retirement system, the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System or any other Tennessee State Retirement Program.

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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 17, 2001

APPROVED this 30th day of May 2001